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SUBJ: PROPOSED EXIM BANK FINANCING FOR AIRCRAFT

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- 1. ROLAND MARQUES MENDES, HEAD OF TRANSPORTES AEREOS COMERCIAIS (TAC) AND MOZAMBIQUE REPRESENTATIVE NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL, ADVISES CONGEN THAT TAC DOES NOT AT MOMENT HAVE AUTHORIZATION PURCHASE ANY ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT, THOUGH IT HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBILITIES WITH U. S. FINANCERS; HE PRESUMES EXIM INQUIRY HAS RESULTED FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS. MENDES HOPING TO ACQUIRE NEW AMERICAN AIRCRAFT (AERO-COMMANDERS AND/OR BEECHCRAFT), BUT ONLY IF HE CAN OBTAIN: 1) AUTHORIZATION TRADE IN HIS TWO OLDER AIRCRAFT; 2) PERMISSION IMPORT PLANES FOR STANDBY USE (HE ESTIMATES THAT TO KEEP FIVE PLANES-- LEGAL MAXIMUM FOR AIR TAXI COMPANIES-- FLYING CONTINUOUSLY HE NEEDS SEVEN OR EIGHT PLANES IN FLEET); AND/OR 3) LICENSE FOR NEW AIRTAXI OPERATIONS IN NIASSA AND/OR INHAMBANE DISTRICTS.
- 2. MENDES ESTIMATES THAT, IF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT GAVE APPROVAL FOR PURCHASES, THE WHOLE AIR TAXI INDUSTRY COULD ABSORB UP TO TEN NEW PLANES (INCLUDING A FEW REPLACEMENTS OF OLDER MODELS) BY END OF 1973. GIVEN FOREIGN EXCHANGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHORTAGES, HOWEVER, AUTHORIZATIONS ON THIS SCALE UNLIKELY MATERIALIZE.

3. MENDES PROMISED ADVISE US WHEN AND IF FURTHER PLANE

PURCHASES BY TAC ACTUALLY MATERIALIZE. WE RECOMMEND THAT EXIM CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASES BY TAC REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL HE SO ADVISES US.

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